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## MEMORANDUM

Date: November 18, 2008  
To: Regional Advisory Council Members  
From: Anis Aoude, Big Game Coordinator  
SUBJECT: Statewide Pronghorn Management Plan

This will be the Division's first statewide pronghorn management plan and will be effective from January 8, 2009 to January 8, 2017. The plan was written internally and then comments were solicited from the interested parties including BLM, Forest Service, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, Utah Bowmen's Association, Bowhunters of Utah, and Farm Bureau. The plan will set the following goals and objectives for pronghorn management in Utah:

- **Population Management Goal:** Increase current population or establish new populations of pronghorn in all suitable habitat within the state
  - **Population Objective 1:** Increase pronghorn populations within the state as conditions allow. Once unit objectives are established, bring all populations to objective by 2017
    - Unit Plans will be completed by 2010
    - Unit Objectives will set statewide Pop Objective
  - **Population Objective 2:** Augment pronghorn populations as needed and as source populations allow
- **Habitat Management Goal:** Assure sufficient habitat is available to sustain healthy and productive pronghorn populations
  - **Habitat Objective 1:** Maintain or enhance the quantity and quality of pronghorn habitat to allow populations to increase
    - Identify crucial habitats (Public and Private)
    - Modify/remove fences that impede travel
    - Minimize impact of spring grazing in crucial fawning habitats
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- **Recreation Goal:** Provide high quality opportunities for hunting and viewing of pronghorn
  - **Recreation Objective 1:** Increase pronghorn hunting opportunities as populations allow using a variety of harvest strategies, while maintaining a high quality hunting experience and the potential to harvest a mature buck
    - Manage all units for a 3-year average postseason buck:doe ratio between 25–40 bucks/100 does
    - Maintain buck hunting success during the any weapon season at a minimum of 80%
  - **Recreation Objective 2:** Increase opportunities for viewing of pronghorn, while educating the public concerning the needs of pronghorn